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## THAT VICIOUS REPORT AGAIN.

So far, we have commented only on the conduct of the House committee in making charges against Superintendent Rowell, because it gave no hearing, produced no charges, and gave no fair play to its helpless antagonist. We made only one issue. One thing at a time is good business.

We will now go a step further, and show what sort of white heathen the men are, who signed the report. They, and their backers are saying: "wait until you get at the merits of the case, and you will see what a wretch that Rowell is."

We will now take up the seventh charge made by the committee. It is short and to the point. The charge is:

**Appearance of prejudice and favoritism shown by the Superintendent of Public Works in the award of the contract for building the Central Fire Station of Honolulu.**

Here it is, a simple and definite charge.

Now what is the fact? It is just this:

The contract for building the Central Fire Station, was awarded under the express direction of the Executive Council, and not by the Superintendent of Public Works.

Neither Loebenstein, or his lowly but vicious disciples Paris, Pogue, or McCandless, asked Rowell, or anyone else the question, who awarded the contract. If they had, they would have discovered at once that the Executive Council took the matter in hand, and made the award. In neglecting to ask this very simple question these men seemed to be playing with "loaded" dice; to have organized for conviction, even on the merits of the case.

This is Loebenstein's leadership. One recalls the moralizing of the French naturalist: "Ah! there is the mosquito. He is born, becomes a father and a grandfather, and dies, all within one hour, what a noble and eventful career!"

Such is the history of Loebenstein's Legislative career.

In this failure to allow the Superintendent to defend himself, and again, in the report charging him with the awarding of a contract that the Executive Council awarded, Representative Gear, "owner of a newspaper," seems to cordially support this mosquito statesman. We had believed that Mr. Gear was a fair and square man, and was not so, as some of his brethren are, with the cutaneous diseases of "grievances." We beg pardon of him for mistaking his character. We are all liable to make mistakes. Perhaps his admiration for Loebenstein's great success in impeaching the President some time ago, has forced him into a fervent worship of this statesman of an "hour." "If a rat be the god, what must the priest be?" asks the traveler among the Digger Indians.

As for the endorsement of these charges against "missionary" Rowell, by the two "missionaries" Paris and Pogue, it only shows that the climate must be making sad havoc with the second generation of missionaries. It is not the native Hawaiians, but the haole Hawaiians who are reverting to heathenism.

Representative Isenberg was wise and considerate and fair, when he refused to join in this malicious report.

## THE JAPANESE INCOME TAX.

Our evening cotemporary the Star remarked editorially on June 18th, regarding the income tax of Japan: "the plan evidently works satisfactorily in Japan, as it has also worked satisfactorily in England and the British Colonies."

The Japan Mail of June 6th says in commenting on this income tax:

"What the future of the income tax in Japan may be, we cannot foresee, but at present it is certainly a failure."

"No tax is more irksome and vexatious. People hate to have their incomes scrutinized, and that is especially true of the Japanese people."

Whether the Japan Mail knows anything about the matter, we are not informed. It is the most important foreign newspaper published in Japan. The Star says, the income tax works well in that Empire. The Mail says it does not.

The Advertiser understands Mr. Bolte's charge against Superintendent Rowell. Mr. Bolte took the proper course in making the charge before the Minister of the Interior. And does the Minister decline to "investigate the claim?" Why does he refuse?

Is he, too, wicked and corrupt? Then urge the President and Cabinet to remove the Minister. It is their duty to do so, if he has done wrong. It occurs to us that the public might side with the Minister, if the facts were well understood. We will not discuss them. The case is understood by the Executive.

## NEUTRALITY.

We have received several communications that discuss the policy adopted by the Government of abandoning Hawaiian neutrality. As it has been substantially abandoned there is no occasion for discussing its merits at present. Many intelligent people in the United States believed that the declaration of war with Spain was premature. But, after war was declared, they unreservedly supported it. We have the same feeling regarding the neutrality question. It is, therefore, idle to discuss it.

We would like to see, however, some clear, elaborate authoritative statement by the Government or by any writer on public affairs, as to our present relations with Spain.

Some day it will have an historical interest. The students and historians are now urgently seeking for the old letters and journals of men, and women, in all countries which throw light on the acts of men in the earlier ages. What is a "back number" today, becomes live historical matter tomorrow.

There is, we believe, no statement extant which defines our relations with Spain. What will the members of our Historical Society say, fifty years from now, when they find that in the year 1898, a valid, but unfortunate, treaty with Spain, which provided for arbitration in the event of differences, was simply disregarded, and the page on which the story of the transaction should be written was a blank.

Abundant reasons can be given for the enthusiastic aid rendered to the United States by Hawaii, owing to the relations which exist between the two countries. But what do we say to posterity about this Spanish affair? The average member of the dominant party says: "Say nothing and let posterity dig out what it can."

The honest and straightforward course for us to take is simply to tell the truth about it, even if it hurts a bit, to make the frank confession, that we do not pretend to be any better than other people, and do not act on any higher plane than other communities that break contracts that are inconvenient to keep.

It was said in the American Congress that the United States had broken their treaties with the Indians, for a hundred years. Why should we be censured if we followed their example? Besides, when the treaty with Spain was made, we were a young and innocent nation, we had not reached our maturity. We were a "minor," and it is good common law, and should be good international law, that no contract made with a minor is binding. Wicked men call this pleading of the "baby act." Terms of reproach are often most unjustly used.

Our duty, in view of this unfortunate Spanish treaty, is very embarrassing. We must, like good Catholics, confess our sin in disregarding it, and the good Priest Annexation must grant us absolution.

In now making up our record for the scrutiny of Posterity, we must remind Posterity that it must not forget the age in which we lived, and that we acted according to average light of our times.

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